

SENATE JOURNAL.

FIRST DAY.

Senate Chamber,
Austin, Texas, Thursday, April 2, 1903.

In obedience to the proclamation of his Excellency, S. W. T. Lanham, Governor of the State of Texas, convening the Twenty-eighth Legislature in Special Session this the 2nd day of April, 1903, the Senate met at 12 o'clock, noon, and was called to order by Lieutenant Governor Geo. D. Neal.

The roll was called, a quorum being present, the following Senators answering to their names:

SENATORS PRESENT.

Present—23.

J. T. Beaty, of Jasper county, representing District No. 14, composed of the counties of Nacogdoches, San Augustine, Sabine, Newton, Jasper, Tyler, Liberty, Hardin, Orange and Jefferson.

T. M. Cain, of Rains county, representing District No. 5, composed of the counties of Collin, Hunt and Rains.

A. B. Davidson, of DeWitt county, representing District No. 22, composed of the counties of Jackson, Calhoun, Victoria, DeWitt, Goliad, Refugio, Bee, Live Oak, Karnes, Wilson, Frio, Aransas and Atascosa.

R. V. Davidson, of Galveston county, representing District No. 17, composed of the counties of Chambers, Galveston, Brazoria, Matagorda and Wharton.

D. E. Decker, of Hardeman county, representing District No. 29, composed of the counties of Jack, Young, Throckmorton, Clay, Archer, Wichita, Wilbarger, Baylor, Knox, Foard, Hardeman, King, Dickens, Bailey, Lamb, Hale, Floyd, Motley, Cottle, Lubbock, Hockley, Cochran, Crosby, Childress, Hall, Briscoe, Swisher, Castro, Parmer, Deaf Smith, Randall, Armstrong, Donley, Colingsworth, Wheeler, Gray, Carson, Potter, Oldham, Hartley, Moore, Hutchinson, Roberts, Hemphill, Lipscomb, Ochiltree, Hansford, Sherman and Dallam.

A. M. Douglass, of Hill county, representing District No. 10, composed of the counties of Ellis, Johnson and Hill.

J. H. Faubion, of Williamson county, representing District No. 20, composed

of the counties of Williamson, Travis, Burnet and Lampasas.

Joseph Faust, of Comal county, representing District No. 21, composed of the counties of Gonzales, Caldwell, Guadalupe, Comal, Hays and Blanco.

J. M. Hale, of Burleson county, representing District No. 19, composed of the counties of Washington, Burleson, Lee and Bastrop.

J. L. Harbison, of Grayson county, representing District No. 4, composed of the counties of Grayson and Cooke.

A. J. Harper, of Limestone county, representing District No. 12, composed of the counties of Limestone, Freestone, Robertson and Brazos.

Travis Henderson, of Lamar county, representing District No. 3, composed of the counties of Lamar and Fannin.

Marshall Hicks, of Bexar county, representing District No. 24, composed of the counties of Bexar, Bandera, Kendall, Kerr and Gillespie.

J. W. Hill, of Tom Green county, representing District No. 25, composed of the counties of Kimble, Menard, Schleicher, Sutton, Tom Green, Coke, Sterling, Irion, Pecos, Brewster, Presidio, Jeff Davis, El Paso, Val Verde, Edwards, Kinney, Uvalde, Medina, Zavala, Reeves, Maverick and Mason.

A. G. Lipscomb, of Waller county, representing District No. 16, composed of the counties of Harris, Fort Bend and Waller.

R. W. Martin, of Coryell county, representing District No. 27, composed of the counties of Bell, Coryell, Hamilton and Bosque.

W. C. McKamy, of Dallas county, representing District No. 6, composed of the counties of Dallas and Rockwall.

Seth P. Mills, of McLennan county, representing District No. 11, composed of the counties of McLennan, Falls and Milam.

A. W. Morris, of Montgomery county, representing District No. 15, composed of the counties of Leon, Madison, Grimes, Montgomery, Walker, San Jacinto and Polk.

D. A. Paulus, of Lavaca county, representing District No. 18, composed of the counties of Colorado, Lavaca, Fayette and Austin.

G. W. Savage, of Montague county, representing District No. 31, composed of the counties of Denton, Wise and Montague.

W. P. Sebastian, of Stephens county, representing District No. 28, composed of the counties of Palo Pinto, Stephens, Eastland, Callahan, Taylor, Nolan, Mitchell, Howard, Martin, Andrews, Glascock, Midland, Ector, Winkler, Loving, Ward, Crane, Upton, Gaines, Yoakum, Terry, Lynn, Dawson, Borden, Garza, Kent, Scurry, Fisher, Stonewall, Haskell, Jones and Shackelford.

J. R. Wilson, of Bowie county, representing District No. 1, composed of the counties of Bowie, Cass, Marion and Morris.

ABSENT.

Absent—8.

Chas. L. Brachfield, of Rusk county, representing District No. 8, composed of the counties of Harrison, Rusk, Panola, Shelby and Gregg.

J. J. Faulk, of Henderson county, representing District No. 9, composed of the counties of Navarro, Henderson and Kaufman.

W. A. Hanger, of Tarrant county, representing District No. 30, composed of the counties of Tarrant, Parker, Hood and Somervell.

Jas. Patteson, of Delta county, representing District No. 2, composed of the counties of Red River, Titus, Franklin, Hopkins and Delta.

Jas. I. Perkins, of Cherokee county, representing District No. 13, composed of the counties of Anderson, Cherokee, Houston, Angelina and Trinity.

R. N. Stafford, of Wood county, representing District No. 7, composed of the counties of Van Zandt, Wood, Smith, Upshur and Camp.

John Willacy, of Nueces county, representing District No. 23, composed of the counties of Cameron, Hidalgo, Starr, Zapata, Nueces, San Patricio, La Salle, McMullen, Duval, Webb and Dimmit.

Arch Grinnan, of Comanche county, representing District No. 26, composed of the counties of Erath, Comanche, Mills, San Saba, McCulloch, Concho, Runnels, Coleman, Brown and Llano.

Prayer was offered by the Chaplain, Rev. I. S. Davenport.

GOVERNOR'S PROCLAMATION.

The President here laid before the Senate the executive proclamation convening the Legislature in extraordinary session, which reads as follows:

PROCLAMATION.

EXECUTIVE OFFICE,
STATE OF TEXAS.

I, S. W. T. Lanham, Governor of the State of Texas, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution, do hereby call a Special Session of the Twenty-eighth Legislature to convene in the city of Austin, beginning at 12 o'clock meridian, Thursday, April 2, 1903, for the following purposes, to-wit:

1. To make appropriations for the support of the State government and for the public service for the fiscal years beginning September 1, 1903, and ending August 31, 1905.

2. To make provision for refunding or paying off the state bonds which will mature before the first day of January, 1905.

3. To make provision for resurveying and establishing the boundaries between the State of Texas and the Territories of New Mexico and of Oklahoma.

4. To make provision for furnishing an adequate supply of water and light for the various State institutions and public buildings located at the capital.

In witness whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and [SEAL.] caused the seal of State to be affixed at Austin, this the first day of April, A. D. 1903.

S. W. T. LANHAM,
Governor.

By the Governor:

J. R. CURL,
Secretary of State.

THE STATE OF TEXAS, DEPARTMENT OF STATE.

I, J. R. Curl, Secretary of State of the State of Texas, do hereby certify that the foregoing and attached is a true and correct copy of the proclamation issued by the Governor of the State of Texas, convening the Twenty-eighth Legislature of the State of Texas in Special Session, as is evidenced by the record of said proclamation to be found on page five hundred and fifty-five of the proclamation records of this department.

In testimony whereof, I have hereto signed my name officially and caused to be impressed hereon the seal of [SEAL.] State, at my office, in the city of Austin, this the first day of April, A. D. 1903.

J. R. CURL,
Secretary of State.

COMMITTEE OF NOTIFICATION.

The Chair announced the following:

committee of three members to notify the Governor, and the House of Representatives of the Senate's organization.

To notify the Governor—Senators Hicks, Douglass and McKamy.

To notify the House—Senators Decker, Faubion and Harper.

SIMPLE RESOLUTION.

Senator Henderson offered the following resolution:

Whereas, On the 13th day of January, 1903, the Twenty-eighth Senate of the State of Texas, in perfecting its organization adopted the following:

Resolved, First, That the officers and employes hereinafter designated are essential to the proper service of the Senate and shall be appointed and elected and receive compensation as hereinafter provided, and shall continue until discharged by the same authority which elects or appoints them in the respective offices or employments to which they shall be elected or appointed.

Second. The Senate by ballot shall elect the following officers, namely: Secretary, Assistant Secretary, Sergeant-at-Arms, Assistant Sergeant-at-Arms, Journal Clerk, Assistant Journal Clerk, Calendar Clerk, Enrolling Clerk, Assistant Enrolling Clerk, Engrossing and Assistant Engrossing Clerk, Doorkeeper and Assistant Doorkeeper, Chaplain and seven committee clerks, each of whom shall be stenographers and typewriters, and who shall serve all committees and Senators when required, and the committee clerks shall be appointed to the various committees by the President of the Senate. Each of said officers and employes shall receive as compensation for their services the sum of five dollars per day.

Third. The President of the Senate shall appoint the following officers and employes of the Senate, namely, a Postmaster, who shall receive the sum of five dollars per day, and Assistant Postmaster who shall receive four dollars per day, a private secretary who shall receive five dollars per day, two general committee clerks who shall receive five dollars per day, five pages who shall receive two dollars per day, and six porters who shall receive two dollars per day.

Fourth. The Sergeant-at-Arms shall appoint a clerk who shall keep his accounts, who shall receive three dollars per day; and

Whereas, The exigencies of the occasion warrant and demand that said Senate be reorganized to the extent provided for by said resolution; therefore, be it

Resolved, That said action on the part of the Senate be rescinded, and in every particular revoked.

[Signed

HENDERSON,
MORRIS,
HARPER,
HARBISON,
McKAMY,
SAVAGE.]

REPORT OF HOUSE NOTIFICATION COMMITTEE.

Senator Decker of the Senatorial Committee appointed to notify the House of Representatives of the Senate's organization, appeared at the bar of the Senate and announced that the committee had reported as per the Senate's instruction.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE FROM THE HOUSE.

A committee from the House of Representatives was announced and reported that the House of Representatives was organized and ready for business.

REPORT OF GOVERNOR'S NOTIFICATION COMMITTEE.

Senator Hicks, chairman of the Senate committee appointed to notify the Governor of the Senate's organization, appeared at the bar of the Senate and reported that the Senate's instruction had been complied with.

EXECUTIVE MESSAGE.

The following executive message was here delivered and laid before the Senate:

EXECUTIVE OFFICE,
STATE OF TEXAS.

Austin, Texas, April 2, 1903.

To the Senate and House of Representatives:

The proclamation which assembles you in Special Session designates four different subjects for your consideration. They are manifestly important and require prompt action.

The fourth and last matter presented, viz., sufficient water and light supply for our State institutions at Austin, was, at the beginning of your Regular Session in January, earnestly submitted and pressed upon your attention by my predecessor. Necessity and economy unite in favor of suitable legislation in the premises. This subject was undertaken and, in some degree, advanced during the session just closed, but failed of completion.

The other three propositions included

in the proclamation need no argument to reinforce the public utility they will promote and subserve.

I beg to reiterate what I have urged in a former communication concerning the necessity of confining appropriations within the estimated revenues to be hereafter available. It is earnestly recommended that you critically scrutinize every item in the bill you may report and pass, and see that nothing beyond what is reasonably necessary shall be embraced within its provisions. A careful specification and itemizing of the sums to be expended and the particular purposes to which they are to be applied is respectfully suggested. Separation rather than massing the subjects of appropriations and the amounts of expenditure, wherever the same can be accomplished, will, it is believed, conduce to economy in the many branches and divisions of the public service. Appropriating money in lump sums, intended for special and different purposes, with an unlimited discretion and undefined extent of authority upon the part of those who disburse them, should be avoided as far as practicable, and methods in keeping with strict business principles observed. I bespeak your good judgment and precaution, to the end that the treasury may not be taxed beyond its capacity to respond to the drafts you may authorize to be made upon it.

S. W. T. LANHAM,
Governor.

Senator Paulus offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That each Senator be permitted to subscribe for five daily newspapers, to be paid for out of any funds appropriated for contingent expenses of the Senate; said papers to cost not more than three cents per copy.

Senator Morris offered the following amendment:

"Amend by inserting the word 'two,' instead of 'five,' as the number to be subscribed for."

The amendment was lost by the following vote:

Yeas—11.

Cain.	Harper.
Davidson of	Henderson.
DeWitt.	Martin.
Davidson of	McKamy.
Galveston.	Morris.
Faust.	Savage.
Harbison.	

Nays—12.

Beaty.	Faubion.
Decker.	Hale.
Douglass.	Hicks.

Hill.	Paulus.
Lipscomb.	Sebastian.
Mills.	Wilson.

Absent.

Brachfield.	Patteson.
Faulk.	Perkins.
Grinnan.	Stafford.
Hanger.	Willacy.

The original resolution was adopted.

PENDING BUSINESS.

Action recurring on the resolution offered by Senator Henderson, Senators Davidson of DeWitt and McKamy offered the following substitute for the resolution:

Resolved, That all officers and employes of the Senate, now in its service and heretofore elected and appointed at the Regular Session of the Twenty-eighth Legislature, be and the same are hereby retained to serve the Senate during the First Called Session, and that each receive the salary fixed for their service at the Regular Session, save and except those whose salary was the sum of \$5.00 per day, all of whom shall under this resolution be entitled to compensation at the rate of \$3.00 per day during said First Called Session of the Twenty-eighth Legislature, except the clerk of the Finance Committee, who shall receive the sum of \$5.00 per day.

Senator Hicks moved that the original resolution and the substitute be laid on the table, and made special order for next Tuesday morning.

BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS.

By Senator Wilson:

Senate bill No. 1, A bill to be entitled "An Act making an appropriation to pay per diem pay of members and per diem pay of officers and employes of the First Called Session of the Twenty-eighth Legislature of the State of Texas, convened April 2, 1903, by proclamation of the Governor."

Read first time, and referred to Committee on Finance.

By Senator Douglass:

Senate bill No. 2, A bill to be entitled "An Act to provide for the retirement of certain bonds of the State of Texas, maturing the first day of January, 1904, by issuing other bonds at a lower rate of interest in lieu thereof; providing for the execution of such other bonds; the manner of sale or exchange of the new bonds, and making an appropriation for the expenses incurred under the provisions of this act."

Read first time, and referred to Committee on Finance.

By Senator Wilson:

Senate bill No. 3, A bill to be entitled "An Act making an appropriation to defray the contingent expenses of the First Called Session of the Twenty-eighth Legislature of the State of Texas, convened April 2, 1903, by proclamation of the Governor."

Read first time, and referred to Committee on Finance.

By Senator Decker:

Senate bill No. 4, A bill to be entitled "An Act to authorize the Governor of the State of Texas, in conjunction with the President of the United States, to run and mark the boundary lines between the Territories of Oklahoma and New Mexico and the State of Texas."

Read first time, and referred to Committee on Federal Relations.

By Senator Wilson:

Senate bill No. 5, A bill to be entitled "An Act making appropriations for the support of the State government for two years, beginning September 1, 1903, and ending August 31, 1905, and for other purposes."

Read first time, and referred to Committee on Finance.

By Senator Davidson of DeWitt:

Senate Joint Resolution No. 1, Providing for a convention to frame a Constitution for the State of Texas.

Read first time, and referred to Committee on Constitutional Amendments.

COMMITTEE REPORT.

(By unanimous consent.)

FEDERAL RELATIONS.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, April 2, 1903.

Hon. Geo. D. Neal, President of the Senate.

SIR: Your Committee on Federal Relations, to whom was referred

Senate bill No. 4, A bill to be entitled "An Act to authorize the Governor of the State of Texas, in conjunction with the President of the United States, to run and mark the boundary lines between the Territories of Oklahoma and New Mexico and the State of Texas, and to make an appropriation therefor, and declare an emergency,"

Have had the same under consideration, and I am instructed to report it back to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass, and that the bill be not printed.

HENDERSON, Chairman.

SENATE BILL NO. 4.

On motion of Senator Decker, the Senate rule requiring committee reports to lie over for one day was suspended for the purpose of considering Senate bill No. 4 (see caption above).

On further motion of Senator Decker, the constitutional rule requiring bills to be read on three several days was suspended, and Senate bill No. 4 put on its second reading by the following vote:

Yeas—22.

Beaty.	Henderson.
Cain.	Hicks.
Davidson of	Hill.
DeWitt.	Lipscomb.
Davidson of	Martin.
Galveston.	McKamy.
Decker.	Mills.
Douglass.	Morris.
Faubion.	Paulus.
Faust.	Savage.
Harbison.	Sebastian.
Harper.	Wilson.

Absent.

Brachfield.	Patteson.
Faulk.	Perkins.
Grinnan.	Stafford.
Hale.	Willacy.
Hanger.	

The Chair laid before the Senate, on its second reading,

Senate bill No. 4, A bill to be entitled "An Act to authorize the Governor of the State of Texas, in conjunction with the President of the United States, to run and mark the boundary lines between the Territories of Oklahoma and New Mexico and the State of Texas, and to make an appropriation therefor, and declare an emergency."

Bill was read second time, and ordered engrossed.

On motion of Senator Decker, the constitutional rule requiring bills to be read on three several days was suspended, and the bill put on its third reading and final passage by the following vote:

Yeas—23.

Beaty.	Henderson.
Cain.	Hicks.
Davidson of	Hill.
DeWitt.	Lipscomb.
Davidson of	Martin.
Galveston.	McKamy.
Decker.	Mills.
Douglass.	Morris.
Faubion.	Paulus.
Faust.	Savage.
Hale.	Sebastian.
Harbison.	Wilson.
Harper.	

Absent.

Brachfield.	Patteson.
Faulk.	Perkins.
Grinnan.	Stafford.
Hanger.	Willacy.

The bill was read third time, and passed by the following vote:

Yeas—23.

Beaty.	Henderson.
Cain.	Hicks.
Davidson of	Hill.
DeWitt.	Lipscomb.
Davidson of	Martin.
Galveston.	McKamy.
Decker.	Mills.
Douglass.	Morris.
Faubion.	Paulus.
Faust.	Savage.
Hale.	Sebastian.
Harbison.	Wilson.
Harper.	

Absent.

Brachfield.	Patteson.
Faulk.	Perkins.
Grinnan.	Stafford.
Hanger.	Willacy.

Senator Decker moved to reconsider the vote by which the bill was passed, and lay that motion on the table.

The motion to table prevailed.

COMMITTEE REPORTS.

(By unanimous consent.)

FINANCE.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, April 2, 1903.

Hon. Geo. D. Neal, President of the Senate.

SIR: Your Committee on Finance, to whom was referred

Senate bill No. 3, A bill to be entitled "An Act making an appropriation to defray the contingent expenses of the First Called Session of the Twenty-eighth Legislature of the State of Texas, convened April 2, 1903, by proclamation of the Governor,"

Have had the same under consideration, and I am instructed to report it back to the Senate with the recommendation that it *do* pass, and we further recommend that it be not printed.

WILSON, Chairman.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, April 2, 1903.

Hon. Geo. D. Neal, President of the Senate.

SIR: Your Committee on Finance, to whom was referred

Senate bill No. 1, A bill to be entitled

"An Act making appropriation to pay mileage and per diem pay of members, and per diem pay of officers and employes, of the First Called Session of the Twenty-eighth Legislature of the State of Texas, convened April 2, 1903, by proclamation of the Governor,"

Have had the same under consideration, and I am instructed to report it back to the Senate with the recommendation that it *do* pass, and we further recommend that it be not printed.

WILSON, Chairman.

SENATE BILL NO. 1.

On motion of Senator Wilson, the Senate rule governing committee reports was suspended for the purpose of considering Senate bill No. 1. (See caption above.)

On further motion of Senator Wilson, the constitutional rule requiring bills to be read on three several days was, for the purpose of considering Senate bill No. 1 on its second reading, suspended by the following vote:

Yeas—23.

Beaty.	Henderson.
Cain.	Hicks.
Davidson of	Hill.
DeWitt.	Lipscomb.
Davidson of	Martin.
Galveston.	McKamy.
Decker.	Mills.
Douglass.	Morris.
Faubion.	Paulus.
Faust.	Savage.
Hale.	Sebastian.
Harbison.	Wilson.
Harper.	

Absent.

Brachfield.	Patteson.
Faulk.	Perkins.
Grinnan.	Stafford.
Hanger.	Willacy.

The Chair laid before the Senate, on its second reading, the regular order of business,

Senate bill No. 1, A bill to be entitled "An Act making appropriation to pay mileage and per diem pay of members, and per diem pay of officers and employes, of the First Called Session of the Twenty-eighth Legislature of the State of Texas, convened April 2, 1903, by proclamation of the Governor."

Bill was read second time, and ordered engrossed.

On motion of Senator Wilson, the constitutional rule requiring bills to be read on three several days was suspended, and the bill put on its third reading and final passage by the following vote:

Yeas—23.

Beaty.	Henderson.
Cain.	Hicks.
Davidson of	Hill.
DeWitt.	Lipscomb.
Davidson of	Martin.
Galveston.	McKamy.
Decker.	Mills.
Douglass.	Morris.
Faubion.	Paulus.
Faust.	Savage.
Hale.	Sebastian.
Harbison.	Wilson.
Harper.	

Absent.

Brachfield.	Patteson.
Faulk.	Perkins.
Grinnan.	Stafford.
Hanger.	Willacy.

The bill was read third time, and passed by the following vote:

Yeas—23.

Beaty.	Henderson.
Cain.	Hicks.
Davidson of	Hill.
DeWitt.	Lipscomb.
Davidson of	Martin.
Galveston.	McKamy.
Decker.	Mills.
Douglass.	Morris.
Faubion.	Paulus.
Faust.	Savage.
Hale.	Sebastian.
Harbison.	Wilson.
Harper.	

Absent.

Brachfield.	Patteson.
Faulk.	Perkins.
Grinnan.	Stafford.
Hanger.	Willacy.

Senator Wilson moved to reconsider the vote by which the bill was passed, and lay that motion on the table.

The motion to table prevailed.

SENATE BILL NO. 3.

On motion of Senator Wilson, the Senate rule governing committee reports was suspended for the purpose of considering Senate bill No. 3. (See caption above.)

On further motion of Senator Wilson, the constitutional rule requiring bills to be read on three several days was, for the purpose of considering Senate bill No. 3, on its second reading, suspended by the following vote:

Yeas—23.

Beaty.	Davidson of
Cain.	Galveston.
Davidson of	Decker.
DeWitt.	Douglass.

Faubion.	Martin.
Faust.	McKamy.
Hale.	Mills.
Harbison.	Morris.
Harper.	Paulus.
Henderson.	Savage.
Hicks.	Sebastian.
Hill.	Wilson.
Lipscomb.	

Absent.

Brachfield.	Patteson.
Faulk.	Perkins.
Grinnan.	Stafford.
Hanger.	Willacy.

The Chair laid before the Senate, on its second reading, the regular order of business,

Senate bill No. 3, A bill to be entitled "An Act making an appropriation to defray the contingent expenses of the First Called Session of the Twenty-eighth Legislature of the State of Texas, convened April 2, 1903, by proclamation of the Governor."

Bill was read second time, and ordered engrossed.

On motion of Senator Wilson, the constitutional rule requiring bills to be read on three several days was suspended, and the bill put on its third reading and final passage by the following vote:

Yeas—23.

Beaty.	Henderson.
Cain.	Hicks.
Davidson of	Hill.
DeWitt.	Lipscomb.
Davidson of	Martin.
Galveston.	McKamy.
Decker.	Mills.
Douglass.	Morris.
Faubion.	Paulus.
Faust.	Savage.
Hale.	Sebastian.
Harbison.	Wilson.
Harper.	

Absent.

Brachfield.	Patteson.
Faulk.	Perkins.
Grinnan.	Stafford.
Hanger.	Willacy.

The bill was read third time, and passed by the following vote:

Yeas—23.

Beaty.	Faust.
Cain.	Hale.
Davidson of	Harbison.
DeWitt.	Harper.
Davidson of	Henderson.
Galveston.	Hicks.
Decker.	Hill.
Douglass.	Lipscomb.
Faubion.	Martin.

McKamy.	Savage.
Mills.	Sebastian.
Morris.	Wilson.
Paulus.	

Absent.

Brachfield.	Patteson.
Faulk.	Perkins.
Grinnan.	Stafford.
Hanger.	Willacy.

Senator Wilson moved to reconsider the vote by which the bill was passed, and lay that motion on the table.

The motion to table prevailed.

ELECTION OF PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE.

At this point Senator Davidson of DeWitt stated he felt the Senate ought to record itself definitely on Section 6 of the Constitution, which states the Senate "shall, at the beginning and close of each session" elect a President Pro Tempore.

Senator Douglass moved that the Senate elect a President Pro Tempore, and

Senator Douglass placed the name of Senator R. V. Davidson before the Senate.

The Chair directed the Senators to prepare their ballots.

Senators Harbison, Lipscomb and Hale were appointed tellers.

The ballot resulted as follows:

Senator Davidson of Galveston received 22 votes. Senator Henderson received 1 vote.

The Chair declared Senator Davidson of Galveston duly and constitutionally elected President Pro Tempore.

ADJOURNMENT.

Senator Davidson of DeWitt moved that the Senate adjourn until Monday morning at 10 o'clock, and at 1:15 o'clock p. m., the Senate adjourned.

SECOND DAY.

Senate Chamber,

Austin, Texas, Monday, April 6, 1903.

Senate met pursuant to adjournment.

Lieutenant Governor Geo. D. Neal in the chair.

Roll call. No quorum present, the following Senators answering to their names:

Brachfield.	Harper.
Davidson of	Henderson.
DeWitt.	Lipscomb.
Hale.	Mills.
Harbison.	Morris.

Savage.	Wilson.
Sebastian.	
	Absent.

Beaty.	Hanger.
Cain.	Hicks.
Davidson of	Hill.
Galveston.	Martin.
Decker.	McKamy.
Douglass.	Patteson.
Faubion.	Paulus.
Faulk.	Perkins.
Faust.	Stafford.
Grinnan.	Willacy.

On motion of Senator Henderson the Senate, at 10:06 a. m., adjourned until 10 o'clock a. m., tomorrow.

THIRD DAY.

Austin, Texas, Tuesday, April 7, 1903.

Senate met pursuant to adjournment.

Lieutenant Governor Neal in the chair.

Roll call. Quorum present, the following Senators answering to their names:

Beaty.	Harper.
Brachfield.	Henderson.
Cain.	Hicks.
Davidson of	Hill.
DeWitt.	Martin.
Douglass.	McKamy.
Faubion.	Mills.
Faulk.	Morris.
Faust.	Savage.
Grinnan.	Sebastian.
Hale.	Stafford.
Hanger.	Willacy.
Harbison.	Wilson.

Absent.

Davidson of	Patteson.
Galveston.	Paulus.
Decker.	Perkins.
Lipscomb.	

Prayer by Chaplain Rev. I. S. Davenport.

The Journal of yesterday was read.

EXCUSED.

On motion of Senator Mills, all the Senators that were absent on last Thursday and yesterday were excused on account of important business.

On motion of Senator Davidson of DeWitt, Senator Faulk was excused for non-attendance upon the Senate on last Wednesday on account of important business.

On motion of Senator Savage, Senator Davidson of Galveston was excused for